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TAGS: PORS, NU

SUBJECT: TERRORIST INCIDENT - SITREP 4

REF: MANAGUA 4980

1. FIVE REMAINING WOMEN HOSTAGES RELEASED BY FSLN TERRORISTS  
THIS MORNING. THOSE FREED WERE MRS. GUILLERMO LANG WIFE OF  
NICARAGUAN UN AMBASSADOR, MRS. LUIS VALLE OLIVARES WIFE OF  
MINISTER OF NATIONAL DISTRICT, MRS. NOEL PALLAIS DEBAYLE WIFE OF  
INFONAC DIRECTOR, MRS. ALEJANDRO MONTIEL ARGUELLO WIFE OF  
FOREIGN MINISTER AND MRS. ALFONSO DENECKEN DIAZ WIFE OF  
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CHILEAN AMBASSADOR. ACCORDING TO BEST GON INFORMATION REMAIN-

ING 13 HOSTAGES ARE HUSBANDS OF ABOVE PLUS FOLLOWING: DANILO LACAYO RAPPACCIOLLI, ALFREDO OSORIO PETERS, AMBASSADOR GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA, DENIS GALLO, BENJAMIN GALLO, COLONEL LAZLO PATAKY, FILADELFO CHAMORRO AND U.S. CITIZEN DAVID B. CARPENTER.

2. DISPELLING SOME CONFUSION YESTERDAY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT NICARAGUA WAS SUBJECT TO CURFEW, PRESIDENT SOMOZA PERSONALLY ISSUED ANNOUNCEMENT OVER RADIO THIS MORNING THAT NO CURFEW WAS IN EFFECT AND CITED THIS AS INDICATION THAT CALM AND ORDER REIGNED IN THE REPUBLIC. LAST NIGHT STREETS WERE DESERTED IN MANAGUA AS IF CURFEW IN EFFECT.

3. INVOKING MARTIAL LAW POWERS SINCE MORNING DECEMBER 27, GON HAS WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF SOMOZA-OWNED NEWSPAPER NOVEDADES, SEVERELY RESTRICTED MEDIA COVERAGE OF TERRORIST INCIDENT. LOCAL RADIO AND TV STATIONS ARE REPORTING ONLY GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ON INCIDENT AND TEXT OF DECREE IMPOSING MARTIAL LAW. THREE NATIONAL GUARD (GN) OFFICERS APPEARED AT OFFICES OF OPPOSITION LA PRENSA MORNING DECEMBER 27 IMPOSING COMPLETE BLACKOUT ON FSLN INCIDENT AND ANY PROVOCATIVE ANTI-GON REPORTING. ACCORDING TO LA PRENSA DIRECTOR PEDRO JOAQUIN CHAMORRO, GN INITIALLY REFUSED EVEN TO PERMIT PUBLICATION OF GON MARTIAL LAW DECREE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE BUT RELENATED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SUPERIORS.

4. CENSORSHIP PROCEDURE IS ESSENTIALLY SAME AS APPLIED DURING APRIL 1974 HOSPITAL STRIKE (MANAGUA 1636), BUT CHAMORRO INDICATES THAT HIS PAPER CAN WITH NEW EQUIPMENT COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE PUBLICATION. LA PRENSA SHUT DOWN FOR 11 DAYS WHEN CENSORSHIP IMPOSED IN APRIL.

5. DECEMBER 27 EDITION OF LA PRENSA WAS VERY LATE APPEARING AND ONLY NEWS IT CARRIED REGARDING FSLN INCIDENT WERE TWO GON RELEASES. NOVEDADES IN CONTRAST DEDICATED ENTIRE FRONT PAGE TO SITUATION COMPLETE WITH NUMEROUS PHOTOGRAPHS GIVING CONSIDERABLE DETAIL REGARDING CASUALTIES, HOSTAGES AND TERRORIST DEMANDS. IT ALSO ATTACKED LA PRENSA AND ITS DIRECTOR AS INSTIGATORS OF TERRORIST ACTION AND HELD CHAMORRO RESPONSIBLE FOR WHATEVER HAPPENED TO HOSTAGES. CHAMORRO ASSERTED TO POLOFF THAT NEW OPPOSITION GROUP HE HEADS, UDEL, REJECTS TERRORISM AND IS INTENDED TO OFFER PEACEFUL ALTERNATIVE TO VIOLENCE. HE WAS INDIGNANT THAT GN CENSORS WOULD

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NOT PERMIT HIM TO RESPOND TO NOVEDADES ATTACKS.

6. THOSE RELEASED FROM THE CASTILLO HOUSE SPECULATE THAT ONE OF TERRORISTS, PERHAPS THE LEADER, IS CARLOS AGUERO, NEPHEW OF FORMER CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL, FERNANDO AGUERO ROCHA. CARLOS AGUERO IS BELIEVED TO BE ACTIVE MEMBER OF FSLN, AND DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY RELEASED HOSTAGES REPORTEDLY MATCHES HIM. SPECULATION ALSO HAS IT THAT EVA SACASA, DAUGHTER

OF LIBERAL PARTY DISSIDENT RAMIRO SACASA, AND ROBERTO ALVAREZ,  
SON OF MANAGER OF BANIC ARE AMONG TERRORISTS.

7. PERSUADED THAT RANSOM MONEY COULD NOT BE ASSEMBLED UNTIL  
BANKS OPEN MONDAY, FSLN ACCEPTED PROPOSAL FOR 48 HOUR EXTENSION  
OF ORIGINAL SUNDAY MORNING DEADLINE AFTER WHICH THEY WOULD BEGIN  
TO MURDER A HOSTAGE EVERY 24 HOURS. MONEY ARRIVED VIA CHARTER  
JET 1000 HOURS TODAY.  
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